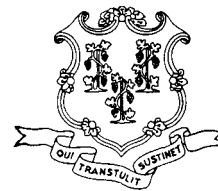




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State Police Investigate Armed Robbery in Southbury

On 2-22-04 at approximately 11:00 pm, the Connecticut State Police received a report that the People's Choice Mobil was held up. This store is located on Route 188, in the town of Southbury, in close proximity of exit 16 on Interstate 84. It was reported that two white males, armed with what appeared to be a handgun, entered the store, demanded money and left with an undetermined amount of cash. There were no injuries. The suspects fled in a southbound direction on Route 188, towards the exit 16 ramps.

The first suspect is described as a white male, approximately 5'10", 200lbs and about 6' feet tall, with facial hair. He was wearing a brown jacket, sunglasses and jeans. He appeared to be in his early to mid-30's. The second suspect is also a white male, possibly in his late 20s, 5'8" to 6' tall, 175 to 180lbs. He was clean-shaven and wearing a black leather jacket and jeans. Both suspects wore gray hooded sweatshirts under their jackets.

The Connecticut State Police are continuing this robbery investigation and the search for these individuals. We are asking that any one with any information contact Troop A, in Southbury, at 203-267-2200.

PHOTOS ON FOLLOWING PAGE- Contact the Public Information office, if you are unable to view the photos, at 860-685-8230.

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